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.....SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF AFGHAN REFUGEES RESETTLED IN
.....TURKEY

.....REFS: (A) ANKARA 6458, (B) ADANA 246, (C) ADANA 274,
.....(D) STATE 213655 (ALL NOTAL)

.....1. (U) ALTHOUGH THE EXTENSIVE INITIAL PRESS COVERAGE
.....OF THE ARRIVAL FROM PAKISTAN OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES WHOM
.....THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS ACCEPTING FOR RESETTLEMENT HAS
.....DIED DOWN SOMEWHAT SINCE THE REFUGEE FLIGHTS STARTED
.....EARLIER THIS MONTH, REPORTS ON THEIR PROGRESS PERIODICALLY
.....APPEAR IN DAILY NEWSPAPERS. THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY
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"TERCUMAN" HAS SHOWN GREAT INTEREST IN THE ISSUE, BOTH
BEFORE AND AFTER THE REFUGEES' ARRIVAL IN TURKEY, GIVING
CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE REFUGEES IN THEIR NEW
HOMELAND.

2. (U) AMONG THE TOPICS MOST RECENTLY DISCUSSED IN THE
"TERCUMAN" REPORTS ARE HEALTH AND EDUCATION. AN AUGUST 18
STORY INDICATED THAT MORE MEDICAL PROBLEMS AMONG THE
REFUGEES HAD BEEN ENCOUNTERED THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED.

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ACCORDING TO THE REPORT (FOCUSSING ON THOSE REFUGEES
SETTLING IN THE GAZIANTEP AREA OF SOUTHEASTERN TURKEY),
MANY OF THE AFGHANS HAD NOT SEEN A DOCTOR IN YEARS: ALL
TYPES OF SKIN AND INTESTINAL DISORDERS, AS WELL AS
MALARIA, WERE APPEARING AMONG THEM. THE REPORT A
REFLECTED THE REFUGEES' INEXPERIENCE WITH MORE MODERN
CONCEPTS OF SANITATION WHEN A NURSE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING
THAT THE REFUGEES NEEDED TO LEARN THAT GARBAGE WAS NOT
INTENDED TO BE DISPOSED OF OUT A WINDOW.

3. (U) AN AUGUST 20 ARTICLE ANNOUNCED THE BEGINNING OF
READING AND WRITING COURSES FOR THE REFUGEES. THE PRO-
GRAMS WERE REPORTEDLY AIMED ESPECIALLY AT THE WOMEN AND
CHILDREN, ALMOST ALL OF WHOM ARE ENTIRELY ILLITERATE.
(ACCORDING TO THE "TERCUMAN" REPORT, 80 PERCENT OF THE
MEN ARE ALSO ILLITERATE). THE PAPER ADDED THAT IT WOULD
COST MORE THAN 781 MILLION TURKISH LIRA (OVER \$4.5
MILLION) TO EDUCATE THE REFUGEES AND THAT THE GOV WOULD
SEEK AID FROM UNESCO.

4. (U) PERIODIC ARTICLES ALSO APPEAR, WHICH TELL OF
THE REFUGEES' GRATITUDE FOR BEING IN TURKEY. THESE
GENERALLY TAKE THE FORM OF A FEATURE WHEREIN A REFUGEE
STATES THAT HE "KISSES THE GROUND SEVEN TIMES DAILY."
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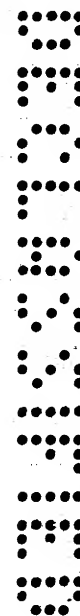
QUOTES ATATURK, OR IN SOME OTHER WAY REFLECTS A CLOSER
IDENTITY WITH TURKEY.

5. (LOU) COMMENT: IN A DISCUSSION WITH ENBOFF, AN
ANKARA-BASED ACADEMIC EXPRESSED HIS FEELING THAT THE
TURKISH PEOPLE DID NOT APPRECIATE THE REFUGEES' BEING
RESETTLED IN TURKEY. HE SAID THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION
THAT THERE WAS RESENTMENT THAT IN THESE HARD TIMES,
MONEY WAS BEING SPENT ON PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE
TO THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE COUNTRY FOR SOME TIME.
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